

Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on the draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the filling of wetlands in Hanover County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: March 31, 2020 to April 30, 2020

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by the Department of Environmental Quality, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

NAME, ADDRESS, AND PERMIT NUMBER OF APPLICANT: Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.; Attn: Douglas Viets; 1500 Brooks Avenue, P.O. Box 30844, Rochester, NY 14603-0844

VWPP No. 19-2036

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. has applied for a new permit for the Wegmans Distribution Center. The project site is located south of Ashcake Road (Route 657), northwest of Sliding Hill Road (Route 656), and east of Egypt Road (Route 741) in Hanover County, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to fill a surface water wetland to construct a regional grocery distribution center. The proposed activity would affect 5.89 acres of palustrine forested wetland and 0.23 acre of palustrine emergent wetland. The activity proposed in the permit will affect wetlands that drain to Totopotomoy Creek, Kersey Creek, and Campbell Creek in the Pamunkey River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant would provide compensation for permanent impacts to wetlands authorized by this permit through the purchase of 12.01 wetland mitigation bank credits from a mitigation bank in the same or adjacent watershed. If sufficient wetland mitigation bank credits are not available, the permit allows the permittee to purchase credits from an in-lieu-fee fund. The DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Name: Bryan Jones; Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality, Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia, 23060; Tel: (804) 527-5074; bryan.jones@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (804) 527-5106. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.